

valuable service to westerners, including the provision of drinking water, irrigation support, and other critical facilities. Without these services, life in the West could not exist as we know it today.

At this time, I would ask that we yield to the distinguished Ranking Member of the full Committee, Senator BAUCUS. Senator BAUCUS?

Mr. BAUCUS. I thank the Senator. I want to echo his comments about the importance of this provision. PNP irrigators provide a valuable service to communities in many western states and their continued fair treatment under FEMA policies is the right thing to do. I extend my thanks to Chairman INHOFE, Chairman SMITH, and Senator GRAHAM in working to address this matter, both in Committee and here today.

As this measure makes its way through the legislative process, I hope we can count on the Senator's continued assistance in protecting the interests of PNP irrigators. I thank the Senator.

Mr. INHOFE. I appreciate the Senator bringing this matter to the Committee's attention and working with us to come up with a clear policy on PNP irrigators. As he knows, during the mark-up in February, the Committee adopted the Crapo/Baucus/Bennett amendment to solve this situation. However, as we later learned, the amendment was insufficient in the eyes

of FEMA to resolve this issue. I think that the language contained in the legislation unequivocally addresses the issue and there can be no ambiguity in the wishes of the Senate concerning FEMA's policy affecting private nonprofit irrigators in the states. Therefore, I reiterate my commitment to enacting legislation that creates equity for PNP irrigators in the implementation of FEMA policies.

Mr. CRAPO. I thank the Senator. I yield back the floor.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3946) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 707), as amended, was passed.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2000

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 9:45 on Thursday, July 20. I further ask consent that on Thursday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour

be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then resume consideration of the Agriculture appropriations bill under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BURNS. When the Senate convenes at 9:45 a.m., the Senate will immediately resume debate on the Harkin amendment No. 3938 to the agricultural appropriations bill. A vote could occur shortly thereafter in relation to the amendment.

Also, Senators are to be notified that the leadership expects to complete action on this appropriations bill in the early afternoon. Therefore, votes can be expected throughout the day on Thursday.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:45 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I now ask that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 7:08 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 9:45 a.m.